

REMARKS

Claims

By the instant Amendment, claims 11, 14, 15, and 18 have been cancelled. Claims 12, 13, 17, and 19 to 33 are in the case. No new matter has been entered.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 11, 14, and 15 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) in view of *Goble et al.* (US 6,579,319). The rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.

Claims 11 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) in view of *Reiley* (US 6,610,091). The rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 103

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 USC § 103 in view of *Goble et al.* The rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of this claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 12, 13, 17, and 19 to 33, the only claims currently pending, were allowed. It is therefore submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request early action in this regard.

Applicants submit that amendment and/or cancellation of claims during prosecution of the instant application is not to be construed as acquiescence to any of the objections/rejections set forth in the instant Office Action or any previous Office Action, and were done solely to expedite prosecution of the application. Applicants submit that claims were not added, amended, or cancelled during prosecution for reasons related to patentability. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed, or similar claims, in subsequent patent applications.

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Should the Examiner wish to discuss this Amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned agent at 613-533-2342 would be welcomed.

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